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SUBJECT: VATICAN'S QUANDARY RE LEBANON

1. SUMMARY: VATICAN "FOREIGN MINISTER" ARCHBISHOP CASAROLI
RAISED WITH US PROBLEM OF LEBANON, STATING VATICAN INTEREST IN
DOING "SOMETHING" AND REQUESTING OUR ANALYSIS OF SITUATION AND
OUR VIEWS ON FEASIBLE SOLUTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. VATICAN FORMIN ARCHBISHOP CASAROLI IN CONVERSATION AUG. 23
RAISED WITH US PROBLEM OF LEBANON IN FOLLOWING TERMS:

-- VATICAN, IN COURSE OF THIS MONTH, HAD ISSUED THREE STATEMENTS
ON LEBANON CONDEMNING KILLINGS, APPEALING FOR CEASEFIRES AND
CALLING FOR CONCILIATION.

-- VATICAN STATEMENTS DID NOT REFER TO RESTORATION OF UNITY AND
REESTABLISHMENT OF SOVEREIGNTY BECAUSE, ALTHOUGH VATICAN ESSEN-
TIALY PREFERS AND CONTINUES SUPPORT CONCEPT OF PLURALISTIC STATE,
IT WAS NOT SURE WHERE MAJOR ACTORS STOOD ON THIS ISSUE. (PAPAL
NUNCIO IN LEBANON IS FAIRLY ISOLATED, HE SAID, AND THUS COULD NOT
PROVIDE ADEQUATE ANALYSIS AND REPORTS TO VATICAN FROM CHRISTIAN
SIDE WERE INADEQUATE.)

-- VATICAN WISHES TO DO "SOMETHING" TO AID PROCESS OF CONCILIATION
BUT IT IS RESTRAINED BY LACK OF ANALYTICAL PERSPECTIVE. IN THIS

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CONTEXT, HE MENTIONED THAT VATICAN HAD RECENTLY CONSIDERED SEND-

ING ANOTHER PEACE MISSION TO LEBANON BUT HAD DECIDED AGAINST IT.

--HE THEN ASKED WHETHER WE COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH OUR LATEST ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION THERE AND OUR PERSPECTIVES ON FEASIBLE SOLUTIONS.

3. WE SAID THAT WE WOULD TRANSMIT HIS REQUEST AND THAT, SINCE AMBASSADOR LODGE'S ASSISTANT WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS IN ABOUT A WEEK, WE WOULD ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN AN ANSWER FOR HIM. SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF STATE 209182 (PRESS BRIEFING WHICH REAFFIRMS US OPPOSITION TO ANY PARTITION OR DE FACTO PARTITION OF LEBANON) WE PASSED TEXT TO ARCHBISHOP CASAROLI.BEAUDRY

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